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President Speaks Amiga Thoughts

By Steve Caperton

Hello fellow club members. It's time for our meeting again, and I would like to see all of you attend. We will be having our MS-DOS group, 64/128 group, and our Amiga group. Mark will have another great club special and James and Steve will be talking about Word Processors for the 64/128 and the Amiga.

Now that the summer months are over I hope to see a lot more of you attending the meetings. Remember that this is your club and if there is anything we can show you or help you with, please let me or any other officer know and we will try and get it for you.

SEE YOU AT THE MEETING.

Happy 150th
Fort Smith

Meeting Information

Date: November 9, 1992

Time: 7:00 PM

Place: O.G.&E. Service Center, 6801 Rogers Ave. (Across from Harps)

Demo: Mark will have another great club special. James Dill will be talking about word processors for the 64/128. Steve Caperton will discuss word processors for the Amiga. Basil and Lester will discuss MS-DOS. Be there and join in.

Sometimes we are so caught up in "what's new" that we miss everything that has just gone past us! At least that is true for me. As I think about what all has gone on this year I suddenly realized that there has been a lot of good information and programs just whizzing past. I ran on to an old program called Atomclock. As I started using it I realized it and many other programs often get overlooked in the rush to accumulate more software. This particular program allows you to call the U.S. bureau of standards in Washington D.C. and get the correct time, "allowing for delay" downloaded to your internal clock in the Amiga. I am sure it could easily be adapted to the 64 and the 128. Anyway, the point I am trying to make is sometimes it is better to stop and smell the roses than to pick them and cast them aside. As for myself I think I will spend the remainder of the year sorting and just looking to see what goodies are in the bag! Join me you'll live longer...ha. ha...ha..

See you next meeting and don't forget the Saturday Morning meetings at Micro-tronix, 1614 Towson at 9:00AM, Nov. 28th

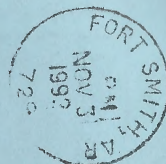
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THE FIRST HIGH-TECH HOROSCOPE

By Dan Gutman

Millions of people believe the positions of the stars and planets at the moment of birth have a powerful influence on our lives. But what about us computer lovers? I thought astrology might be able to play a part in guiding our confusing high-tech lives.

Let your birthday star be your on-line HELP screen...

ARIES (March 21-April 19).

Don't read any electronic mail sent by a Capricorn. Your life needs updating, and so does your data base software. The best way to set your sights upward and keep your feet on the ground is to get one of those ergonomic chairs.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20).

Never install a multifunction board on a Wednesday. Beware! There is an electrical power surge with your name on it. Accept all offers that come your way--any parallel port in storm. Your life is incomplete--fill those empty expansion slots now.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21).

Do not hesitate. Act with speed. With every passing day, your hardware becomes more obsolete. Today is the day to make a change in your life. Start by switching to 3.5 inch floppies. Disaster is imminent. Back up your hard disk drive before it's too late.

CANCER (June 22-July 22).

If life seems to be passing you by, it may be time to spring for that accelerator card with zero wait time. Beware of Virgos who own Amigas. Looking at the world through rose-colored glasses may be dangerous, especially if you don't have an anti-glare filter.

LEO (July 23-August 22).

You have difficulty making choices, especially when it comes to CGA, EGA and VGA monitors. Happiness comes to those with 100% IBM compatibility. When you're down in the dumps and your world seems to be collapsing around you, take solace in the fact that desktop publishing was invented in our lifetime.

VIRGO (August 23-September 22).

Your burden is getting lighter. So is your printer ribbon. Don't worry, be happy, buy printer fonts. Never trust a Pisces who uses a Hayes modem. The time is right for a major mail merge. Don't settle for your dot-matrix existence in this letter-quality world.

LIBRA (September 23-October 23).

Bad days ahead. Air travel is out of the question, and even "Flight Simulator" should be discouraged. This may be the time to get that service contract. Always keep in mind that artificial intelligence is better than no intelligence at all.

SCORPIO (October 24-November 21).

A romance with that Pisces in your user group is a distinct possibility. Suppress your urge to splurge on a surge suppressor. Even though you may be lost and wandering for many days and nights, be thankful that you brought your laptop.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22-December 21).

With Scorpio rising, Microsoft Excel has its highest possibility of crashing today. Ask yourself--is your RAM memory half empty, or half full? In either case, now is the time to change the toner in your laser printer. You have a secret admirer. Unfortunately, he works at a Radio Shack store.

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The Secretary's Report

By Basil Kyriakakis

Commodore Computer Club
Executive meeting minutes 09/22/92

The Executive Board Of the Commodore Computer Club of Fort Smith met on September 22, 1992, at 7:00 pm at the OG&E conference room, 6801 Rogers Ave.

Present were: Jim, Tom, Steve, Dale, Ken, Dave, Mark, John, Lester and Basil.

Jim gave an abbreviated financial report; there is about \$300 in the treasury.

Dale reported that the Bulletin board is functioning properly.

Tom reminded everyone that when uploading articles and material for the newsletter to use a true ASCII format.

Mark will prepare the special for next month, Jim will do a tutorial on Basic for the Commodore and Lester will start an MS-DOS demo.

The Amiga SIG presentation was not determined at this time.

Commodore Computer Club meeting minutes 10/12/92

Rex Lawson, president, convened the general meeting at 7:05.

There were several announcements of interest to members followed by a general discussion about fund-raising. A car wash was mentioned, but there was no consensus.

Mark talked, at some length, about GENIE(r), how to access, use and the

comucopia of goodies available.

The general meeting divided into the 64/128 SIG, the MS-DOS SIG and the Amiga SIG.:

64/128 SIG... Mark presented the club special, primarily a program called WIZARD, used to work with GENIE. Jim started a tutorial on Commodore basic.

AMIGA SIG... The Amiga group was working Amiga-DOS routines and techniques.

MS-DOS... Lester started a demonstration about accessing directories, the dir /p and /w commands, and path instructions.

The meeting adjourned at 9:05 pm. with 16 people present.

Financial Report

The financial report is unavailable at press time



Amiga 4000

Motorola's 68040 Microprocessor Powers
New Commodore Amiga 4000
Austin TX (SEPT. 14) PR Newswire

Motorola's High Performance Microprocessor Division today announced that its 68040 provides the processing power in Commodore Business Machines, Inc.'s new Amiga 4000 computer, which is designed to meet the demanding graphic and video-processing needs of multimedia computing.

The Amiga 4000 is a full-scale multimedia system incorporating Commodore's Advanced Graphics Architecture(tm) custom coprocessor chipset, enabling users to display and animate graphics in multiple resolutions in up to 256,000 colors from a palette of 16.8 million. This array of colors and features brings life-like images and photo-quality colors to any document or presentation.

In addition, the robust processing power of the Motorola 68040 microprocessor ensures that the Amiga 4000 is a high-performance, full-function computer with the power to execute data-intensive multimedia applications with ease. Motorola's family of microprocessors has been integral in the development of the Amiga product line since its introduction in 1985.

"By utilizing the processing power of the 68040, Commodore is able to bring high-quality multimedia capabilities to their users -- both in the consumer and business markets," said Jim Reinhart, Motorola's manager of M68000 marketing and applications. "The power of the 68040 allows users to create exciting video effects and fast-paced animations -- in a fraction of the time and money it would cost on other machines relying on add-in cards for their additional processing power."

Motorola's 68040 is an advanced single-chip processor incorporating more than 1.2 million transistors. Fabricated with Motorola's high-performance complementary metal-oxide semiconductor (HCMOS) process, the

68040 integrates an integer unit, a floating point unit, two memory-management units and two 4-kilobyte cache memories -- one for data and one for instructions. The two on-chip caches provide high-speed temporary storage of information most recently used by the processor. In data-intensive applications, such as those used on the graphically-based Amiga 4000, this allows the processor to work efficiently during the constant flow of information, thus making the 68040 the ideal microprocessor for such systems.

Along with the 68040, the Amiga 4000 also incorporates the AmigaDOS(tm) Release 3, the newest version of Commodore's multitasking operating system. While this new version of the operating system takes advantage of the latest hardware features, it also maintains backward compatibility with Amiga software not specifically written for the Amiga 4000. The Amiga 4000 also contains CrossDOS, which enables users to read and write to MS-DOS(R) formatted floppy and hard drives.

"Commodore remains dedicated to the 68000 Family because of the commitment we see from Motorola to continue to add power and speed conducive to multimedia applications," said James Dionne, president and general manager of Commodore Business Machines, Inc. "We are confident that the introduction of the Amiga 4000 will keep Commodore and Motorola at the forefront of multimedia technology."

Available immediately with a 120 M-byte hard drive, 6 Mbytes of memory and a dual-speed high-density floppy drive, the Amiga 4000 is priced at \$3,699.

Having 1991 worldwide sales exceeding \$3.6 billion, Motorola's Semiconductor Products Sector is the largest U.S.-based broad line supplier of semiconductors, with a balanced portfolio of more than 50,000 devices. Motorola is one of the world's leading providers of electronic equipment, systems, components, and services for global markets. Products include two-way radios, pagers and telepoint systems, cellular telephone systems, semiconductors, defense and aerospace electronics, automotive and industrial electronic equipment, computers, data

communications, and information processing and handling equipment.

Motorola was a winner of the first Malcolm Baldrige National Quality Award in 1988, in recognition of its superior company-wide quality management process.

Commodore Business Machines, Inc., based in West Chester, Pa., manufactures and markets a complete line of computers and peripherals for the business, education, government and consumer markets.

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Hayes Enjoined

COURTS ENJOIN HAYES ADS;
HAYES CLAIMS VICTORY

Two federal courts -- one in San Jose, Calif., the other in Mounds View, Minn., -- have slapped Hayes Microcomputer Products Inc. with preliminary injunctions in connection with suits brought in response to the modem maker's recent ad campaign about a competing modem control protocol.

Nonetheless, Hayes is claiming victory, saying in a statement the courts have "cleared the way for Hayes to continue its education campaign" about the time independent escape sequence (TIES), which Hayes alleges is an unworthy alternative to its own well-known AT (++++) technology for controlling modems.

As reported earlier, Hayes was sued by Multi-Tech Systems and Sierra Semiconductor after the Hayes ads -- headlined "Tick, Tick, Tick. Boom! You're Dead" -- challenged the dependability of TIES. The ad, which ran in July and August in a number of computer publications as well as Time and Business Week, included a photo of several sticks of dynamite wired to a timer. The copy said a "fatal flaw" in TIES can paralyze a modem's ability to transmit, a flaw Hayes describes as a "time bomb lurking inside the modem" that will cause "untold chaos."

Hayes offered computerists a free test kit to uncover the "bomb."

However, Minnesota U.S. District Judge David Doty this week issued a preliminary injunction prohibiting Hayes from "continuing to publish the advertisement," from "issuing the test kit offered in the advertisement," and from "disseminating any information that states or implies that the test kit is a data file that may occur in a user's data."

Doty said, "Consumers have a right not to be subjected to deceptive or confusing advertisements so that they can accurately assess the quality of a product and choose a product that is in accordance with their preferences." He further wrote the advertisement and test kit "...would likely mislead consumers..."

Meanwhile, in San Jose, U.S. District Judge Ronald M. Whyte enjoined Hayes "from falsely advertising that the TIES escape sequence can erase or destroy data."

Judge Whyte's 9-page order said, "Hayes has not cited an instance in which a modem customer has had an unintended escape with a TIES modem and (Hayes President) Dennis Hayes, who testified for the corporation under Rule 30(b)(6), specifically stated that he had not seen one. This evidence supports the conclusion that the TIES modem does not have a serious reliability problem."

But undaunted, Hayes said in a statement that the two federal courts "have refused to prohibit Hayes efforts to educate the public concerning the difference" between TIES and Hayes patented modem sequence with guard time.

Hayes says it is offering "a white paper" that "explains the issue of escape sequences in plain language." It also is offering a "TIES Identification File" that it says will enable modem users to determine if their modems are TIES modems.

Dennis Hayes said he saw the court action as "a clear victory over the attempts of some manufacturers to keep customers in the dark about the issues of the reliability of escape sequence technology. We know we are doing the right thing for the customers by exposing this issue to public debate."

Stay tuned.

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New members to join
the Fort Smith
Commodore Computer club

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Lords of Time

HOLLYWARE Entertainment
Releases "Lords of Time"

Marina Del Rey, CA - September 19,
1992

Lords of Time is a graphic adventure on a grand scale with a story line to match! Guide our time traveler, Major Thom, on a quest to return to his own world and time. Action adventure, danger, and magic are the essence of Lords of Time.

Lords of Time Features:

- o Superb graphics with a 3-D overhead perspective and full animation allows the player to watch as Major Thom pursues his quest, and is pursued by dwarves, spiders, zombies and other harmful creatures.

- o Caverns, mazes, forests, mountains, islands, and castles make up a world of over 12,000 screens of smooth-scrolling animation to explore.

- o Select from an inventory of more

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than 50 items consisting of potions, weapons, and armor. Learn to cast over 20 different spells to help Major Thom survive. Learn valuable skills from over 24 classes available at the Guild shops that are needed to finish the quest.

- o An automatic save to memory feature simplifies game play and eases the frustration of dying at the worst possible moment.

- o The solutions to various key puzzles in this game are randomly selected each time the game is started, making this game worth playing again and again.

Lords of Time is adventuring in its highest form!!

Amiga Version Suggested Retail Price: \$49.95.

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GENIE(R).

CAPRICORN (December 22-January
19).

Focus yourself, as multitasking is difficult and can cause cramps if you do it in one position for too long. Build a better mouse and the world will beat a path to your Bernoulli box. Things aren't as bad as they may seem--at least you didn't buy a PCjr.

AQUARIUS (January 20-February 18).

Beware! A virus is being planted in your system by disgruntled terrorist hackers. You will achieve your goals only when you lose your envy of power users. Just your luck, getting laryngitis the same day the new voice mail system was installed.

PISCES (February 19-March 20).

An old lover may be sending you a fax soon. But who needs love, when you've got connectivity? In any case, masculinity is not measured by how many megabytes you have in your hard disk, you silly boy. It's measured by how many pixels you have on your monitor.

From the Editor

First of all, I want to apologize for overlooking the meeting place in last month's issue of the newsletter. For all that went to the wrong location, and I know of at least one, I will start checking a little closer.

It seems like only just a short time ago the club celebrated its 5th birthday. We should be thinking ahead to the 10th one which if I am not mistaken, should be coming next year. Be thinking about it, what you would like to do for that event.

With Christmas coming on, I have started seeing more and more ads for Commodore computers in the papers. We need to let the buyers of these machines know that we exist and are here to support and assist them. If you know of anyone who obtains a computer, be it a Commodore or PC, ask them to join us in the wonderful world of computing. Hopefully they can learn something from us and we can learn from them.

Be thinking about some sort of fund raiser. We still want to get a hard drive for the BBS. It seems to be operating rather well at the time. Give it a call.

Don't forget the meeting, see you there.

Club Information

PROGRAM is a monthly publication of the Commodore Computer Club of Fort Smith, Arkansas. Subscription rate \$7.00 yearly (no charge to club members or exchange with other clubs). Articles pertaining to any aspect of computer use are solicited from members. Such articles may be uploaded to the bulletin board with appropriate notification via E-Mail to "Editor/Editor" or may be submitted on disk as a text file. Articles in writing are also welcome.

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